

FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of:

ANIMAL BITES

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the neonatal/pediatric patient with an animal bite.

Procedure

- 1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed. Intubate neurologically depressed patient to prevent aspiration.
- 2. Control any hemorrhages or other life-threatening injuries.
- 3. Establish IV and administer **Lactated Ringers** (LR) or **0.9% Sodium Chloride** (NS) needed titrated to stable SBP for patient's age.
- 4. Contact Medical Control and consider pain medication(s) as per FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Pain & Discomfort.
- 5. As local law enforcement, animal control or conservation agent of incident and provider animal identification assistance as needed.
- 6. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
- 7. Contact Medical Control for Further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP - NOTHING FOLLOWS